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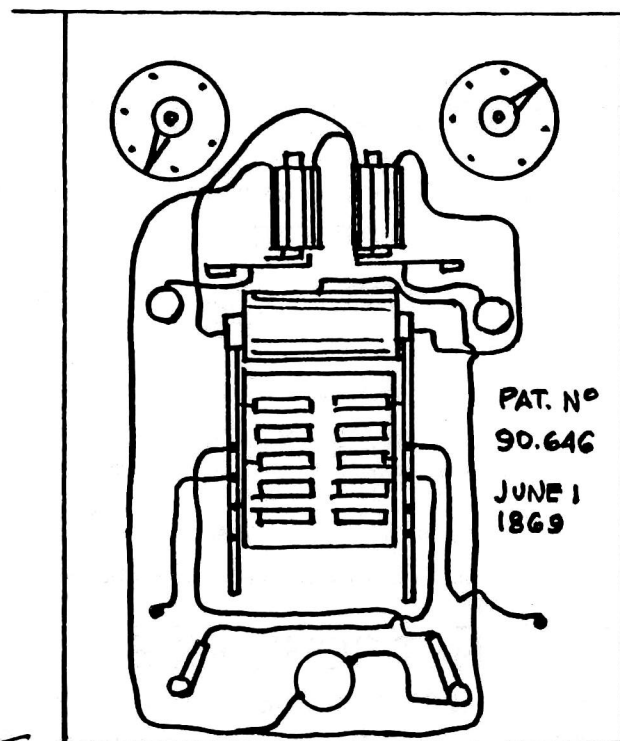


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THE BLURB



The VOTING Machine
THAT FAILED



THOMAS EDISON'S VOTING MACHINE...
CREATED FOR USE BY CONGRESS. THEY REFUSED
TO USE IT, AND NEVER WAS. CONGRESS STILL
VOTE TODAY BY VOICE AND SHOW OF HANDS.

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NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:00	14.237 MHz SSB	"SNOWBIRD NET"
	09:30	147.030 MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993 MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993 MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030 MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET
WEDNESDAY	20:30	147.030 MHz FM	"SWAP 'N SHOP NET"

**APPLE BYTES****FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

04-EUNICE BOHLANDER (XYL W3VVS)
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HELP PHIL-MONT

ARE YOU PLANNING TO JOIN ARRL OR RENEW YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP? HELP PHIL-MONT BY JOINING OR RENEWING THROUGH THE CLUB...CONTACT KB3IV FOR THE DETAILS.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

LAST CALL ... IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES FOR THE 1990 DIRECTORY, OR WANT TO MAKE ANY CHANGES IN YOUR INFORMATION (BIRTHDAYS ETC.) LET ME KNOW NOW. NEW DIRECTORIES WILL BE MAILED WITH THE MAY OR JUNE BLURB.

....DE WB3KOJ

AMATEUR LICENSE EXAMS HELD MONTHLY

At
THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE
For Information Call ND3Q at
(215) 482-0386 or 879-0505

Handicapped spastics naturally took to sideswiping with the verve of an IRS tax

Final tip: if you get one going, be sure to move your VFO down in frequency about 2 kc between each transmission to simulate drift; this is the final touch, along with a dollop of good old AC hum, to give you that dISTINKtive signal.

tnx HILLTOPPER

We (that's the Editor's way of saying "I") had a lot more goodies that we (there he goes again) wanted to include in this issue, but, in an effort to limit the mailing costs to one 25 cent stamp, we (jeeze!) have to limit the mailing to 6 sheets. Now, if all of you *slow paying* procrastinators would have paid upon receipt of the first dues notice, we () could have added one more page to this issue! **C'mon, pay up!** *There, Woody, my first editorial!*

Within the Amateur radio service resides the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). This voluntary, ARRL sponsored, organization provides emergency communications when regular communication fails or is inadequate. But like all emergency services, ARES members must be trained for emergency response. Training comes only with organization and practice. In times of emergency, there are no time outs while an organization is formed and drills conducted. The availability of a two meter mobile rig is not a substitute for organization. For example, if in a time of disaster you were asked to set up a portable amateur radio station in the emergency ward of a local hospital or in the gym of the neighborhood grade school, where would you go to set up such a facility in such a way to be usable but yet not located

I urge Phil-Monters to join ARES. In Delaware County, contact Rolland Madara, W3PWG; in Montgomery County, Tom Gibson, W3EAG; in Philadelphia, Vic Tenaglia, KD3DE, and in Bucks County, Linda Ewall, KA3MEI. Hopefully the feared emergency will never happen, but if it does, we will be prepared.

*** UPDATE ***

- FEB 5 General Meeting
- Feb 14 Directors' Meeting
at KA3AMO & N3FTC's
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- MAR 5 General Meeting
- Mar 14 Directors' Meeting
Location to be announced
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- APR 2 General Meeting
- Apr 18 Directors' Meeting
Location to be announced
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HAMFESTS

- MAR 4 DOVER, PA
York Springfest
--- * ---
- APR 1 TIMONIUM, MD
BARC Hamfest
--- * ---
- APR 7 LEBANON, PA
(Sat.) Appalachian ARG's
Hamfest & Computer Show
--- * ---
- APR 27-29 DAYTON, OH
HamVention
--- * ---
- MAY 20 WRIGHTSTOWN, PA
--- * ---
- JULY 29 TIMONIUM, MD
BRATS Hamfest & Computerfest
--- * ---
- Every Wednesday at 8:30 PM
The SWAP 'N SHOP NET
on our 147.03 repeater.

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

from EPA FEEDLINE & others

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring their original license and one photocopy of it. All applicants, including children, must present positive ID. Also bring the original of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1990 test fee is \$4.95; there is no charge for a Novice test.

BELLMAWR, NJ
Monthly, 3rd Thursday
Bill Helmatag
(609) 546-7710

CENTER CITY
Feb 5, Mar 5
Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q
(215) 482-0386
(215) 879-0505

PERKASIE
Monthly, 3rd Monday
Stu Silverstein, K3UEI
(215) 584-0775

BRYN MAWR
Feb 17
Bob Haase, W3SA
(215) 293-1919

LEVITTOWN
Feb 8, Mar 8
Dave Heller, K3TX
(215) 946-1040

HATBORO
Jan 31, Mar 28
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
(215) 343-3494

cases active at the moment. Bob McNamara of the Special Services Division can comment specifically on what we have pending at the moment."

Robert McNamara: "The amateur community is very responsive, but right now we have a few isolated cases of individuals. We have a case in the Virgin Islands, we've contacted quite a few amateurs, we're trying to resolve that first within the amateur community itself. There is not a great deal of cases, but as the Hodges case shows, when there are, we do try to respond to them as promptly as we can. Some of the other situations we have are occasional cases of exam cheating. These are under investigation. The amateur community itself administers the Volunteer Examiner program and does very good work, very efficient."

Commissioner Barrett: "With the time delay, it seems to me that we have rendered this rather ineffective enforcement. You take into account his legal fees and only charge him a hundred dollars a month for twelve months. That doesn't send the right message to him given his intent. He was aware of the outcome of his actions, and we take into consideration his legal fees. A hundred bucks a month does not send the right message."

Baker: "Certainly if his behavior does not clear up considerably, then we can take additional action against him."

Barrett: "Well, if he was not aware of the outcome of those actions I could understand. But what disturbs me is that one had to be very much aware of what the actions would lead to."

Baker: "We also have had a \$2,000 limit on fines we can impose for each instance of violation."

Barrett: "I'm not raising an issue about the overall fine. I'm raising the issue that we're taking into consideration a hundred dollars a month based on his legal expenses. Well, he should have known by his actions he was going to have legal expenses." (General laughter.)

Despite the concerns raised by Commissioners Quello, Marshall and Barrett, no changes were made to the penalty. The item carried unanimously.

Noting that Commissioner Marshall asked about other ham enforcement cases, we asked FCC staff if there is any investigation pending into the heavy, malicious jamming of emergency VHF and HF communications during the California earthquake. It's been widely reported that the matter is being brought to the attention of the White House.

PRB Deputy Chief Baker said her staff was not aware of any such investigations.

tnx W5YI REPORT & W3GXX

U.S. GOVERNMENT FREQUENCY CHART AVAILABLE

Gary Wilson, WB2BOO

I just discovered a great bargain for the wall of your shack.

It's a 36" by 50" full color, glossy poster entitled "United States Frequency Allocations" prepared by the Dept. of Commerce's National Telecommunications & Information Administration. Showing everything from 9 KHz to 300 GHz as of March 1988, it is quite useful for explaining how different radio spectra are used for different communication distances and bandwidths.

I got it from the US Government Printing Office for \$2.75 total (no tax or shipping costs apply!).

The GPO stock number is 003--000-00652-2, and you can order it by phone at (202) 783-3238. The GPO takes MasterCard or Visa.

Since your tax dollars helped prepare it, you might as well get one at this price!

tnx DLARC

\$1,200 REPEATER JAMMING FINE UPHELD

The FCC Commissioners have ruled the \$1,200 fine against General class licensee, **David B. Hodges, N3DTH**, of Baltimore, Maryland, was appropriate. The August 2, 1988, Private Radio Bureau penalty had been appealed to the full Commission.

Beginning in 1985, the FCC received a number of jamming complaints to the Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society (BRATS) repeater. On May 4, 1987, FCC engineers observed interference consisting of touch-tone sounds and unmodulated carriers, on the repeater's input frequency.

The unidentified tones were interspersed among legal transmissions from Hodges' amateur station. The engineers used the "signal signature" method to establish that the interfering transmissions were indeed from the same transmitter as those identified by Hodges' call sign.

This procedure involves comparing the profile of an unidentified signal with the profile of signals emitted by a known transmitter. The FCC also tested Hodges' transmitter, which he brought to the Commission's Baltimore office. Engineers again confirmed it was the source of the jamming signal.

Hodges said he did not remember making the interfering transmissions, but did say he "...has on occasion made such transmissions to cause interference when provoked by others." He said he has held a license since 1970 and has never been cited for any violation. Hodges stated his actions "...were simply an overreaction provoked by harassment from others." The FCC ruled "...harassment does not justify retaliating with willful or malicious interference."

Additionally, Hodges claims others have also jammed the BRATS repeater, and that "...his violations are moderated by public service contributions. He said

the fine is a financial hardship, and the expense of paying his lawyer should also be considered as a mitigating factor.

The FCC agreed that while some violators may go unpunished, that "...does not mean that we cannot punish those we do find. Any expense Hodges incurred to retain counsel resulted from his own choice."

The Commissioners were unified in their agreement with the \$1,200 penalty, but said they would allow Hodges to pay the forfeiture in twelve monthly installments of \$100. First installment is due Jan. 19.

FCC DISCUSSION ABOUT HODGES at the 12/12/89 Commissioners' meeting:

Commissioner James Quello: "I support this action. Normally the amateur service is very proud of its discipline, its self-regulation, but here's someone who, in anger or revenge, decided to deliberately create interference. The only possible complaint I have is why there has been such a delay. The complaint was registered in 1985. We're now taking action in almost 1990. The engineers investigated it in 1987. That wasn't on your shift, Mr. Chairman, but we should be taking action earlier."

Commissioner Sherrie Marshall: "Commissioner Quello raised a good point. I didn't realize we are so late in coming around to act on this. The amateur community usually does a very good job of self-policing. But we should be ready to step in when their cooperation isn't able to deter these improper practices. I've also heard complaints that there are other amateurs around the country who are disrupting operations, and that it's difficult to get them back in line. What are you doing to address these questions?"

Private Radio Bureau Deputy Chief Beverly Baker: "There are a couple of

MINUTES

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Even though the snow appeared out of nowhere, and the roads were treacherous, W3UY called the meeting to order at 20:18 hrs with a scant 22 people present: 14 members and 8 guests. The guests were KD3DE, N3HLM, KA3VKC, NS3Z, KA3UIM, KA3TUZ, Tom Cuff and Joann Smith, daughter of N3FTC.

The Treasurer, KB3IV gave his report.

MEMBERSHIP - We have 2 applications, they will be voted on at the next Directors' meeting.

REPEATER - On 12/27/89 W3BBB, N3DHI & N3GLH went looking for the "grunge". N3DHI borrowed a spectrum analyzer, and they checked in various spots. Unfortunately the interference didn't come

on frequency that day.

W3TKQ - Robert Fox from MFJ Enterprises Inc. is happy to donate a 1278 multi-mode TNC with software.

Our guest speaker, KD3DE, Vic Tena-glia, is the ARRL appointed representative for ARES, in the Phila. area. He gave a very interesting talk, and tried to recruit some hams for the cause. He pointed out that, of the five thousand or so hams in Philadelphia, only TEN are signed up with ARES! Information forms were passed around to be filled out (form reproduced on page 7. -Ed).

The meeting was adjourned at 21:32

Respectfully Submitted; Brad Swanson, N3GLH, Secretary.

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JANUARY DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Directors' meeting was held at the home of W3UY on January 17, 1990. Present were W3BBB, K3KUD, K3GBA, W3UY, W3IIM, W3IIN, KB3IV, N3DHI and N3GLH. The meeting began at 20:26. N3GLH read the minutes from the January General Meeting which were approved as read.

KB3IV read his report, and feels that approximately 59% of the dues are in.

W3IIN passed out copies of the budget work sheet for 1990, and asked that it be approved by the board. W3BBB seconded the motion, and it was passed. The raising of dues was discussed, and it was decided that dues would have to be raised next year in order to cover expenses. Over the years, the dues have gone from 5 to 10 to 14 dollars, and they've been at \$14 per year for 11 years! W3IIM says the price of publishing and mailing one Blurb sub-

scription is \$10.00 per year, and we are currently charging only \$6.50; the price for a Blurb subscription should be raised next year as well. Both rates will be discussed in May or June at the Directors' Meeting.

It was decided that Pat Gillespie, and family, will continue receiving the Blurb with our complements.

The board voted on two new members. John Sims, N3HML and Mario Nicosia, WB3KAG. Both were approved and voted in. W3IIN is going to insert a line on the membership application that asks "How did you hear about Phil-Mont?"

W3UY brought up A.R.E.S. in order to choose a representative from Phil-Mont, but N3GLH mentioned that N3GXX had already been chosen by KD3DE.

N3DHI was next called-on for the Mo-Com report. He reported good news and bad news. Abington Township is very

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interested in the van and in our participation. Rick had just been to the township meeting were he had been asked several questions about Mo-Com, what was included with it, what frequencies it could operate, etc. He pointed out that it needed paint and some other work, and reiterated the problem of staffing it. Montgomery County, and Bucks County, R.A.C.E.S. were also mentioned as possibly having an interest in operating the van. Rick also indicated that the appointed Mo-Com committee should get together, possibly after the meeting.

W3BBB gave the technical report: the generator is fixed and working well. Bat-

tery backup for the repeater was discussed: practicality and cost.

W3UY read 3 letters that came to the club, and they were discussed. K3KUD mentioned that the language used on the repeater is becoming unacceptable and should be cleaned-up.

The meeting was adjourned 21:55, and, while enjoying refreshments, the Mo-Com Committee, W3BBB, N3DHI, N3GLH, KB3IV and K3KUD met and had their meeting.

Thanks to Joan and Larry for their hospitality in their magnificent new home!

Respectfully Submitted, Brad Swanson, N3GLH, Secretary

Try to present the best possible appearance for Ham radio to anyone who may be casually listening on a scanner.

8. Don't be long-winded. If you're talking to someone face-to-face, you don't speak for two minutes, and then wait for him to talk for two minutes. Why do so on a repeater? VHF FM is a terrific conversational mode, treat it much the way you would a telephone.
9. The primary purpose of the repeater is to serve in emergencies. If someone calls needing assistance, and you can place a call for them, please do so. Keep a list of appropriate emergency phone numbers where you can access it quickly (see below). Conversely, if someone has already answered the emergency call, DO NOT interrupt unless absolutely sure you can add to the situation. More confusion is created by people anxious to help when they are not needed, than by anything else.

tnx to Al, KY3T, editor of Warminster's newsletter FEEDBACK

LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

(add the digit 1 and the area code where appropriate)

Bucks County Police Radio	215 348-3524	
Delaware County Police Radio	215 566-2800	
Montgomery County Police Radio	215 275-1222-	Pressing 911 on the 146.835 (-600) repeater will connect you directly with the county radio. <u>Identify yourself as a Ham Radio Operator.</u>
Philadelphia Police Radio	215 592-5772	
Pennsylvania State Police	215 560-6200	
Pennsylvania Turnpike	800 932-0568	
New Jersey State Police	609 561-1800	
New Jersey Turnpike	609 235-1000	
AAA Towing (members only)	215 569-9411	

The above, prompted by Al's excellent article published in the Warminster Amateur Radio Club's newsletter FEEDBACK, will be included as part of the welcoming package presented to each new member of PMRC. Additional input, corrections and suggestions are always welcome. Our future plans are to print a list of emergency numbers on a wallet-size card, but we'll wait for all input before we proceed. -Ed

Samia's CORNER

OVER THE YEARS I HAVE SEEN A GROWING BLIGHT ON THE FUTURE OF PHILMONT. THE LOSS OF MOCOM IS ONE MORE STEP TO A FUTURE OF TRYING TIMES FOR PHILMONT. HOW MUCH LONGER CAN THE 'OLDTIMERS' HOLD PHILMONT TOGETHER? MORE SUPPORT FROM NEW MEMBERS,, MORE FROM THE 'INACTIVES' IS NEEDED.

FEB.

REPEATER PROCEDURES

As new, or recently upgraded, hams come onto the various repeaters, the question of repeater operating procedures always arises. New operators always wonder if they are "doing it right", while more experienced operators get annoyed at the new folks, forgetting that they, too, were once in that position. Here are a few rules for repeater operation. Following them will make use of the repeater more pleasant for all.

1. Remember that many repeaters, including PMRC's 147.03, have a key-up delay. In other words, a signal must be detected for a period of time (3 seconds on '03), before the repeater will start to transmit. This prevents spurious signals from accidentally bringing up the machine, but also means that if you don't wait after hitting your transmit button, much of your call will be lost.
2. To start a conversation, just give the call of the station you wish to speak with, followed by your own, such as "W3RM, this is N3DHI". Longer calls are unnecessary.
3. When in a group QSO, always specify who is to speak next. Otherwise, either nobody will start to speak, or several will at once, creating a lot of confusion. It is as simple as saying "KB3IV to take it, this is KA3BET."
4. To join an ongoing QSO, just wait for a pause in the conversation, and drop in your call. The next station will recognize you, and either turn the repeater over to you, or finish his comment and then do so. On most machines, words such as "BREAK" are usually reserved for emergencies, when the breaker needs to make a quick call. This may vary from repeater to repeater, though. A triple break: "BREAKBREAK BREAK" is universally recognized as an emergency break-in. Always turn the repeater over to the breaker IMMEDIATELY when you hear one.
5. Always, always, always, wait for the courtesy tone when someone else has finished transmitting, and you wish to start. This prevents the repeater from "timing out", and also allows someone else to interrupt or join the conversation if needed. Some repeaters do not have a courtesy beep, and a short pause is all that is required.
6. It is NOT necessary to identify after every transmission. FCC rules state that you must ID every ten minutes, (and you never have to use the other station's call letters unless you're handling third-party traffic). By sticking to this rate, or a little more often, your conversations go more smoothly, while still allowing casual listeners to know who is using the repeater.
7. Remember that there are potentially many listeners to a repeater conversation. This means be cautious about giving phone numbers on the air, don't mention when people will be away on vacation, and try to avoid negative or personal comments.

Name: _____ Call: _____



AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE REGISTRATION FORM



Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/PC: _____

Bus. phone: _____ Home phone: _____ County: _____

License Class: _____ Primary radio interest: _____

Check (✓) bands/modes you can operate:

	160	80	40	20	15	10	6	2	220	OTHER
CW										
FM										
RTTY										
SSB										
MOBILE										
PACKET										
IF OPERATING PACKET, THE CALLSIGN OF YOUR PBBS IS: _____										

Can your home station operate without commercial power? [] Yes [] No

If yes what bands? _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Detach and send to your EC (if known) or the ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

To All Radio Amateurs:

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The ARES has a long history of public service going back to its formal inception in 1935. Since that time the ARES has responded countless times to communications emergencies.

Experience has proven that radio amateurs respond more capably in time of emergency when practice has been conducted in an organized group. There is no substitute for experience gained before the need arises.

The ARES in each locality operates under the direction of the Emergency Coordinator (EC), whose function is to direct the activities of the ARES to maintain a state of readiness.

To register in the ARES, send the detachable Registration Form above directly to your EC, or to ARRL Headquarters for forwarding to your EC. *League membership is not required for registration.* Registration does not require possession of any specially designed equipment. All amateurs can be of assistance to the ARES. There is provision in the ARES for every amateur regardless of class of license, equipment owned, or personal circumstances.

Won't you join us in providing this essential Amateur Radio service?

WE GET LETTERS.....

from Andy Anderson, K0NL

Elwood Haldeman, W3PST
125 Keeley Ave.,
New Britain, PA 18901

Dear Woody:-

I noticed, in a recent issue of your newsletter, that you were retiring as the editor. I guess you felt like I did, that it was easier to have a gradual transition rather than a "shotgun affair".

I want you to know that I have supremely enjoyed your newsletter all these many years. It was excellent! When I read it my mind always goes back to those old days when the Phil-Mont Club and the Washington Mobile Radio Club got together. During the summer we always met "half way" for a get together. Then one year we would go to Philly for the annual meeting, and the next year you would come to Washington. The one that will never leave my mind is when 13 (yes, thirteen) couples from Philadelphia came to Washington. There had been a restaurant named "Hawaii" opened close to the Union Station. I am an old steel guitar player, and at that time I was with a motley crew of Orientals which played Hawaiian tunes, and did Hawaiian dances, at a great many occasions celebrating Hawaii becoming a State. I got them (and paid them) to put on the program for the meeting. We had girls doing the hula and all that stuff.

The main thing I remember about this one was that I had a "special" tune where I was to show off. I gave the starting part (showing off) and then they joined in. However they were in the wrong key! I laid them out because we had practiced this the night before! We got along.

While I am typing this, I notice a coffee mug that I have used for many, many years. It has a picture and the heading "Philmont Mobile Radio Club" on the side!

In my old age (80 last August) I cannot remember the names of those fellows who were the pushers at that time. If you know of any, please tell them "Hello" and tell them that I think of those old times very, very often. It was simply wonderful.

Of course, the mobile club has vanished. We lost three of the main pushers. One died and two moved, and we just fell apart.

Again, thanks a lot and 73,

ANDY

PS: Do you know that for 35 years I have produced a monthly Amateur Radio newsletter, and have never missed an issue?

Ralph V. (Andy) Anderson, K0NL
528 Montana Ave.
Holton, Kansas
66436

STILL MORE LETTERS.....

PACKET RADIOGRAM

Title: Dino hits Columbia SC.
To: W3RM
From: N3GWG

Jan 14, 1990 1641 hrs.

Hi there,

How's everybody at Phil-Mont doing? I'm living here in north east Columbia in the Holiday Inn. I have a portable packet station set up with my 32AT/KAM and a Radio Shack model 100. It works great. I can get into this node (CAE1) that gets me all over South Carolina and North Carolina. I miss the Swap Net! But tonight, Sunday, I am checking into one around here. This coming Saturday I am going to a Ham Fest, about one and one half hours from here. I enjoy my new job, and will hopefully be able to make the next Phil-Mont meeting. I plan on visiting Philadelphia soon, so it may as well be when I can attend Phil-Mont. Tell everyone on '03 that I said hello, and of course RA RA RA RA (Dino bark).

73, Stuart at WA2GYM, Columbia, SC.

Where am I? Holiday Inn North East, Columbia, SC.

Please send me Phil-Mont's address so I can send my dues, as well as pay for my badge and ARRL renewal. I DEFINITELY intend to renew both. Please tell KB3IV this. I do not want to miss any issues of QST or the BLURB. My father is going to send me my BLURBS as they come. 73 again, Stuart.

Dick's reply: Dino where are you?
(As of the 18th, Stuart had checked-out of the motel.)

COMMEMORATIVE POSTER AVAILABLE

Thanks to the efforts of our marvelous artist-in-residence, the BLURB committee is making a specially designed, 40th Anniversary, commemorative poster available to all past and present members. Measuring 16" x 20", and printed on heavy glossy stock, it is suitable for framing, and will look great in your shack! It was given to all members attending the banquet, on the 11th of November. Members may obtain a copy by sending \$2.50 (postage and handling) to PMRC at the BLURB address.

HAWAIIAN LUAU AT THE



14 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C

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MORE LETTERS..... from Woody Haldeman, W3PST

Hi Jinny & Jack:

I received the letter from Andy, in with the Christmas mail. I feel this was really addressed to the club, so it belongs in the BLURB.

29.4932 kc was THE frequency of the club, at that time. A bit of serendipity enters the scene. My memory is fuzzy, but as I recall I was on 10 meters in the evening, that evening, the evening when the Phila. contingent was wending, "or plowing" their way home from the Luau. They got an early start because a bad snow storm had been forecast, and it was in all its glory. I heard Chuck (W3NIP now W2HSA) on 28 Mcs+. I think he was calling "CQ". I answered, a brief QSO followed with a decision to go to 29.493. I listened and called for about 3 or 4 minutes. Nuttin! I went back to the 28 Meg spot and found that Chuck had had the same experience. Later we speculated that the MUF for that distance and frequency was 29 Mcs. Anyway, it sounded reasonable. To continue with my fuzzy recollection, I think the driving got so bad they pulled into a motel and slept out the storm.

Woody, W3PST

From the Editor: The only reference to the Washington Luau was found in the June 1960 "Channel Chatter" which reads: "For those of you who missed the Washington Luau - you shudda been to the May meeting - W3QQH did a Hawaiian Eye giving an excellent run down on the trip, and even gave W3YJM and W3AWH some additional souvenirs." The absence of additional printed comment was probably due to the fact that the club was preoccupied with its new relationship with The Franklin Institute; the first meeting there was held in April of 1960.

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Hawaiian Weekend In WASHINGTON and Stayed at
The Diplomat MOTEL for ONLY \$9 - What THE
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3
4 2M NCS N3FVI 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS W3PWG	5 GENERAL MEETING & LICENSE EXAMS	6 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM <i>Ronald Reagan's Birthday 1911</i>	7 SWAP 'N SHOP NET at 8:30 PM	8 <i>Boy Scouts Incorporated 1910</i>	9	10
11 2M NCS W3AWG 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS W3AOA <i>Thomas Edison's Birthday 1847</i>	12 <i>Abraham Lincoln's Birthday 1809</i>	13 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM	14 SWAP 'N SHOP NET at 8:30 PM <u>DIRECTORS'</u> MEETING at KA3AMO & N3FTC's	15	16	17
18 2M NCS KA3AMO 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS W3RCE	19 <i>President's Day</i>	20 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM	21 SWAP 'N SHOP NET at 8:30 PM	22 <i>George Washington's Birthday 1732</i>	23	24
25 2M NCS KB3IV 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS AK2I	26	27 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM <i>Mardi Gras</i>	28 SWAP 'N SHOP NET at 8:30 PM <i>Ash Wednesday</i>			